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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
Department of the Army

SUBJECT: Coordination and Direction at the National
Level of Interrogation and Exploitation of
Repatriated Prisoners of War

REFERENCE: Memorandum dated 14 August 1953, from AC of
G, G-2, to DCI, same subject, with enclosed
plan, subject: Debriefing of Repatriated
Prisoners of War by Armed Services Personnel
Interrogation Center (Army Security Center)

1. The Central Intelligence Agency believes that a co-ordinated debriefing at the national intelligence level of selected repatriated prisoners of war by the Armed Services Personnel Interrogation Center would be beneficial to this Agency.

2. CIA represents the Department of State and the Atomic Energy Commission in the Armed Services Personnel Interrogation Center. This Agency has, therefore, secured the concurrence of the intelligence organization of the Department of State, and of the Office of Intelligence, AEC, in the proposed debriefing of selected repatriated prisoners of war at ASEC.

3. If the program is implemented, the requirements of CIA, State and AEC will be channelled to ASEC through the CIA Assistant Director of ASEC.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

SUBJECT: Coordination and Direction at the National Level of Inter-
rogation and Exploitation of Repatriated Prisoners of War

1. This office is planning to require the Army component of Armed Services Personnel Interrogation Center to accomplish the final intelligence debriefing of selected repatriated Army Prisoners of War. However, to effect coordination and direction at national level of the interrogation and exploitation of the repatriated POWs and to utilize the capabilities of ASPIC to the greatest advantage, a national intelligence debriefing effort is believed to be the best solution.

2. Inclosed is a plan to effect coordination and direction, at the national level, of the interrogation and exploitation of repatriated POWs.

3. Request your comments and/or concurrence by 1 September 1953.

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Debriefing of Repatriated Prisoners
of War by ASPIC

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DEBRIEFING OF REPATRIATED PRISONERS OF WAR BY
ARMED SERVICES PERSONNEL INTERROGATION CENTER
(ARMY SECURITY CENTER)

1. Introduction

Under current JCS directives the debriefing of returned prisoners of war or other repatriated personnel after their return to the US is not a primary responsibility of ASPIC (hereinafter referred to as ASC). However, in the interest of economy and efficiency of operation, it is believed this organization is well suited to conduct these debriefings. It is understood that each service is presently planning additional debriefings of a portion of their returnee personnel for positive information, as indicated in paragraph 2, within the US. These separate actions will inevitably result in considerable duplication of effort and unequal emphasis with little over-all coordination. The following plan is proposed to deal effectively with this situation.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this plan is to centralize the detailed exploitation of American returned POW's and other repatriated personnel in order to gather intelligence, and to consolidate information on communist POW procedures for future use by reconstructing for each POW camp, as far as possible, the following information:

- a. Communist camp organization and personalities.
- b. UN organization within the camp and personalities.
- c. Camp life routine (including labor requirements, recreation, and camp publications).

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d. Communist indoctrination processes and methods.
e. Enemy interrogation techniques.
f. Camp living conditions—i.e., housing, food, clothing, medical care, etc.

g. Escape and evasion efforts.

h. Casualty information.

i. Counterintelligence.

j. Intelligence interests not covered by above will be serviced based on specific requests for information. However, no questionnaires or "ask each repatriate" - type requirements will be serviced.

3. Assumptions

a. That there is a requirement for the above information.

b. That ASC will coordinate intelligence and counterintelligence requirements.

c. That FECOM will initiate intelligence and counterintelligence debriefings and these records will be available to ASC.

d. That records and reports produced as a result of debriefings aboard ship will be available to ASC.

e. That basic camp data available in FECOM will be made available to ASC.

f. That ASC will not undertake security, treason, or war crimes type investigations.

g. That all requests for debriefings or information concerning repatriated POW's will be referred to ASC regardless of originating agency.

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h. The services and interested government departments and agencies will present their consolidated requirements in question form to ASC for collection.

4. Concept of Plan

a. Based on available data and reports, ASC, representing the Armed Forces and CIA will select a representative sample of repatriates from each camp (about 10) for detailed debriefing at ASC. After 30-day leaves and as scheduled by ASC, subject to the approval of, and after intelligence processing by, their parent services, those selected will be placed on TDY with ASC for about 5 working days.

b. Continental Armies, Air Commands, and Naval Districts will not be relieved of responsibility for developing detailed information covered by separate service requirements.

5. Responsibilities

a. Each service will provide specific intelligence requirements and necessary personnel as per existing joint service regulations concerning ASC.

b. ASC will:

(1) Prepare and plan for debriefings and arrange for debriefing personnel and facilities.

(2) Devise suitable debriefing techniques consistent with the repatriates' physical and mental condition.

(3) Prepare suitable reports. Verbatim transcripts will not be furnished.

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(4) When information is obtained that indicates repatriates would be of primary interest to security or legal agencies, ASC will immediately notify appropriate authorities, and make no effort to independently develop such leads.

c. Liaison officers

Agencies with primary interests will be invited to provide liaison officers to ASC to assist and represent their interests.

d. Individual TDY expenses will be paid by the service of which the repatriate is a member.

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